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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Yuji ABE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2542  
Application No.: 10/531,066 : Group Art Unit: 2883  
Filed: April 12, 2005 : Examiner: Guy G. Anderson  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING AN OPTICAL FIBER AND  
APPARATUS FOR CLEANING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 18, 2006.

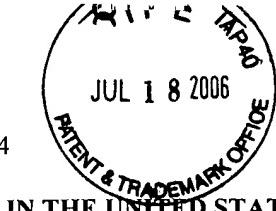
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	Fee
Total Claims	10	40	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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